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The Postal Service has informed us of a decision to close our Post Office here in Ulman, MO. This action is being taken after meeting the provisions of the Postal Reorganization Act of 1970, and over our protestations.

We, the customers of the Ulman Post Office, rigorously protest this action, in view of the provision in the Postal Reorganization Act that calls for the Postal Service to provide a maximum degree of effective and regular postal service to rural areas, communities and small towns where the post office is not self-sustaining.

The Postal Service's decision to consolidate our post office with the Brumley Post Office is being done over our objections. We will no longer have a postmaster to whom we can take our problems, complaints and compliments. We will be directed to a distant postmaster; we will have to drive about 7 miles one way to this office to do our postal business. Their hours of service are not conducive to the needs of our community.

If we have to rely on rural delivery, we see inconveniences in purchasing stamps, money orders, etc. We will have to know the exact time of the delivery to our box and have the exact amount of money. If we have to make an application for said services, we will be leaving cash in our boxes and that is not acceptable. There is also a concern for receipt of accountable mail, such as certified letters, registered letters and COD.s. During the winter, snow removal from the boxes is a concern for much of our community; we have several older patrons for which this would be a big problem.

It was stated that this closing would save the Postal Service several thousand dollars(Postmaster's salary, rental, etc.) This is not entirely true, somebody will have to be paid for the additional workload of delivery to the entire community the rental and other expenses were miniscule to the overall budget of the post office. It was also stated that the current building was heated by space heaters and this is false! There is a propane wall furnace that has sufficiently heated this building for the past fifty years.

We cannot see any major savings to the Postal Service for the consolidation. As citizens of the United States, we are entitled to the same efficient postal service provided to our counterparts in urban areas. The Postal Reorganization Act is explicit in pointing this out. We petition you,

as members of the Postal Regulatory Commission, to respectfully consider our protest and order the Postal Service to give additional consideration to our service needs.

Respectfully,

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We are Signing an behalf of the patrone listed on the enclosed petition, who object to the closure.

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